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Stephenson (5,757,388) does not disclose a printer "incorporated into" a digital camera but a printer attached to and detachable from a digital camera. Amended claim 8 makes this distinction clearer by referring to an "inbuilt" printer. Stephenson discloses a camera with a detachable ink jet printer to print images taken by the camera. The camera must have a camera display 18 (refer col.2) and the printer is coupled to the camera over the camera display 18 (refer col. 2, lines 39-53). The printer in being removable from the camera has several disadvantages not present in the instant invention in which the printer is inbuilt. This combined camera and printer arrangement has the disadvantage that it depends for reliability on the communication between camera and printer, requires that that communication be in a particular form to meet the limitations of the arrangement and appears to have no provision to replace the print media sheet 38 except by replacing the printer and associated electronics at the same time. Moreover, the printer is not always used, whereby an instant print of an image is not available and the utility of the arrangement requires co-ordinating the two separate components whereby loss, damage or misplacement of one makes the other not fully functional.

Item 4 of the Official Action has been traversed regarding claim 5 and therefore equally claims 6, 7, 8 and 9 due to these claims dependency from claim 5. Item 5 equally has been traversed for the added inclusion of Stephenson.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above identified Patent Application recite a novel and not obvious method which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

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CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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